

April 21, 2009

Dear Montana WIC Retailer:

In reviewing WIC check cashing policies it has come to my attention that the Montana WIC Program may have been issuing some instructions and approving some checks that should not have been approved. Checks that are cashed at the retail stores before the "First Day to Use" date can not be held and deposited after the "First Day to Use" date.

Please provide training for your staff to insure checks are accepted on or within the dates listed on the WIC checks.

Effective July 1, 2009, the Montana WIC Program (the bank or the state) will no longer be able to cash or approve checks taken before the "First Day to Use" or after the "Last Day to Use".

If you have any questions please call the Montana WIC Program at 1-800-433-4298.

Sincerely,

Joan Bowsher, Director
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Family & Community Health Bureau